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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Assistant Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Follow-up Items from 14 September Senate
Select Committee on Intelligence Briefing

REFERENCE : A. OLC Memorandum 78-3029/19, dated
22 September 1978, Same Subject

B. My Memorandum to Director of Security,
dated 23 August 1978, Subject: Survey
of Classified Documents/Files Accessible
to Watch Personnel

1. Since the Director's appearance before the Senate
Select Committee on Intelligence on 14 September, the Operations
Center has determined that there is no record of four specific
documents sent to the Center in the period 1975-1977. They
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There are additionally some three hundred documents which were received by the Operations Center from 1975 thru 1977 that were routinely destroyed, but on which no formal record of destruction exists.

2. During the SSCI briefing, Senator Bayh requested a more detailed response on what materials are available to a Watch Analyst in the Operations Center. The CIA Operations Center's classified document holdings are selective and cover a wide range of topics. They include not only reference documents, but also a large quantity of sensitive finished intelligence material. The documents include national estimates, and interagency studies on all countries and foreign developments of intelligence interest; background studies in depth of specific countries and international issues; contingency studies; economic scientific/technical, and military studies and handbooks; geographic data; and materials concerning US intelligence collection, processing, and production systems.

3. The Center maintains such documents for several reasons. First, the Center's Senior Duty Officer is responsible for alerting the Director to the receipt of critical intelligence to support the Director in his role as intelligence briefer to the President. Each Duty Officer, supported by a team of Watch Analysts, can only be effective if he and his watch team are knowledgeable about those subjects that are of current intelligence interest. To accomplish that goal, the Center keeps widely diversified and sometimes highly classified material constantly available to educate the watch teams. Second, the Center is a 24-hour office which must be responsive not only to the needs of production office analysts, but also particularly to the needs of senior staff officers for rapidly provided information at all hours of the day and night. To meet those needs, the Center has built up a file system that, in effect, serves as a selective library for CIA after normal duty hours.

4. Reference B, addressed to the Director of Security, contains a detailed survey of all those materials available to Operations Center Watch Analysts. I defer to your judgment and that of the Office of Security as to the extent that Reference B is used to satisfy Senator Bayh's request.

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